



# PARTNERING TOGETHER



(a publication of Special Health Care Needs-Family Partnership)  
Northwestern MO Area  
Summer 2007

## Family Partnership Regional Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

10:00am-2:00pm

FREE!

Presenter: Georgia Mueller with MPACT

Meeting will take place at:  
Department of Health & Senior Services Bldg.  
located at 3707 Whitney, Independence, MO.

Lunch will be provided to those that RSVP  
on or before September 6.

To RSVP contact Tracy at 816-537-8103  
or 1-866-809-2400 ext. 308

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## WORKSHOPS & RESOURCES

### 2007 Family-to-Family Conference

August 10, 11 & 12, 2007

Hilton Garden Inn

Independence, Missouri

This is an opportunity for families of and individuals with developmental disabilities to expand their knowledge, gain technical assistance, connect and share with others, have fun, learn and become invigorated!

Stipends to cover registration fees are available.

EFFECT Stipends at [www.efect.org](http://www.efect.org)

or call 816-537-5951

MCDD Conference Scholarships 816-889-3422.

To receive a copy of the conference brochure and registration go to [www.mpcdd.org](http://www.mpcdd.org)

or call 573-442-2963.

Sponsored by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

### **Family Partnership Website:**

<http://www.dhss.mo.gov/FamilyPartnership/>



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**DEAL OR NO DEAL**

**ALWAYS YOUR CHOICE!**

*Family Partnership* PRESENTS

**2007 ANNUAL PARENT & CAREGIVER RETREAT**

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2007

BEST WESTERN

3100 I-70 DRIVE SE

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

## **What Is SOS?**

Sharing Our Strength's (SOS), Missouri's parent to parent/peer support network for parents of children with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs, individuals with disabilities, and professionals. You may have questions and concerns about dealing with your child's needs and your own feelings. You are not alone. Let us be there for you.

An SOS mentor is a parent who has had experiences or concerns similar to those you are having now. They have been there.

Your SOS mentor is there for you to talk to. You can share your feelings, frustrations, or celebrations. They are there to listen with an open heart and open mind. Remember, they have had experiences similar to yours!

- Call us toll free at 800-773-8652
- [www.moddrc.org/sos/](http://www.moddrc.org/sos/)
- Fill out our online application form

## **EFFECT Back to School Night**

Thursday, August 23, 2007

Theme: Are You Smarter Than a 4<sup>th</sup> Grader?

MetDesk will be providing  
Ident-A-Kid free of charge.

Jackson County Board of Services  
8508 Hillcrest Road, KC, MO  
This meeting is free to families.

[www.effect.org](http://www.effect.org)

EFFECT Mission: To empower families of children with disabilities by providing education, information, encouragement, support and pathways to services.

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